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Dear Mr. Fedorchak:

I understand from our telephone conversation yesterday that you refuse to sign the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Assignment for the subject application. This refusal was made after discussing the matter with your current employer's (E-bond) attorneys, and your belief that there was "only downside" to your signing the papers.

We remind you that the invention described in the application was based on your work at Lehman Brothers and, as such, you have a legal obligation to assign any rights you may have in that invention to Lehman Brothers, and to cooperate in the prosecution of this patent application before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Such cooperation would include, but would not be limited to, executing the Declaration and Assignment.

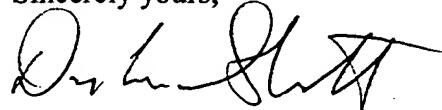
Accordingly, I ask that you reconsider your position. For your convenience, we enclose a copy of the complete application as filed (including the specification, claims

Mr. Wesley C. Fedorchak
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and drawings), a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Assignment. We would appreciate it if you would sign, date and return the Declaration and Assignment to us by August 16, 2001. If we do not receive them by that date, we will conclude that you still refuse to sign them and we will proceed to take all necessary steps to protect Lehman Brothers' rights in this invention.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call me at the above number.

Sincerely yours,



Douglas Sharrott

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